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Changing your mind is just a part of life

By Mark James

No, it's not about Jimmy Carter and the reUnion bomb, or Jimmy Carter and amnesty sales, or Chuck Colson getting religion. It is not about Larry Flint getting religion, or

Changing four years can be a long time, especially in the life of someone eighteen years old. Growing up doesn't stop at 18 just because you can

vote and drink, and growing up doesn't stop at MIT. Even if a student in near little lines with dark robes and ceremonial headdresses today has changed in their four years. Some have changed a little, most must have changed a lot. Many of us have done much of our growing up here, and none of us is finished. A great part of growing up is changing your mind. Especially in the job-short mid-1970's, the primary purpose, for most of us, in coming to MIT was to prepare for a career. Many of us didn't realize was that we'd end

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This article is about changing

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There's a lot to gain in four years

By Mitchell Trachtenberg

Remember, however, during R/O week, back in '74, the most

overused MIT cliche was: "Get-

ting an education at MIT is like

trying to get a drink of water

from a fire hydrant." Looking back at

the unusual crowd we have here. Here at

Social jet-set. (I know one profes-

sor who gave disco dancing lessons, and

prosthetic hands at other schools. Here at

we are among friends.

I respond that the Institute

encourages this social clumsiness,

sometimes suspect'that MIT en-

perpetuating the stereotype of the

ivory tower scientist-whose social

concerns are not issues of higher

university. Or perhaps that is really

our place in the

universe. Or perhaps that is really

some insight into our place in the

world.

That's not to say that it is without

our lives left to fill any gaps.

humility is easy to understand; we

may seem. (In fact, very few, if

any, detested the biology laboratory

in one's tentatively chosen field.

Thus, I discovered that I

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Four years in perspective

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trances to the dormitories had been cleared by students whose
living groups were given weekly
demonstration and sit-in. In
May, Charles Kindleberger was
appointed to head an ad hoc
committee on interna-
tional Institute commitments.

By the fall of 1973, the program
was struggling as a result of en-
thrust on internal problems. Only 20
of the scheduled 37 students
were late for the summer prepara-
tory program, and several others
desired a return home shortly after arriving. The Kindle-
berger committee, operating in a
confused educational atmosphere,
urged periodic review of MIT's
international commitments, and
a permanent standing committee
to review such programs. Instead,
the faculty set up another ad hoc
committee, one which was to play
a part in the controversy over a
Taiwan deal the following year.

"Opponents of the deal charged
the Shah of Iran with brutality."
Graduation: a time for seniors to look back

(Continued from page 3)

Spring term, 1976, the end of the first week. In its first issue of the semester, the Thursday report stated that Mit had concluded a $900,000 deal with the National Taiwan University to train 15 Taiwanese engineers in inertial guidance and instrumentation systems. The program immediately met with student and faculty criticism.

Two weeks later, a Taiwanese student was accused of forgery, those attending a teach-in on the Taiwan program, and accused that the pictures would be used to identify opponents of the Taiwanese government. In March, two Boston-area Taiwanese students alleged that they were denied passport renewal by the local consulate. One of them had been at the February antiwar rally. Also, in March, two Boston-area Taiwanese students alleged that they were denied passport renewal by the local consulate. One of them had been at the February rally, and both claimed to have been told that they would not be permitted to speak at the rally after being interrogated by the local consulate.

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